

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus teaches in this parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus that God's moral law, which is the expression of his will and a reflection of his character, applies to what we do with our wealth.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. How was Jesus challenging the Pharisees with the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus?
2. Discuss the differences between the two main characters of this parable.
3. Why is Lazarus a fitting name for the poor man in the parable (2 Corinthians 4:17)? Why is the Rich Man without a name (verse 25)?
4. Why did the Rich Man lack of compassion? Like him, are you nourishing inordinate desires that blind you to the needs of others? How do we love our neighbor (1 John 3:17; Romans 5:8)?
5. Why the dramatic reversal at each man's death (verses 22-23)? What awaits the believer and unbeliever in death?
6. What does the metaphor of fiery torment signify about the reality of hell (verse 23)? What does this reveal about sin? Explain why it is unloving to ignore the existence of hell.
7. How can God be simultaneously loving and wrathful?
8. Why do you think the Rich Man doesn't ask to be set free from his torment? What does he request from Abraham (verses 27-28)?
9. What does Abraham's response reveal about the Word of God (verse 29; 2 Timothy 3:14-15)?
10. How can one be saved from the consequences of sin, including hell, and know the love of God? Why aren't signs and wonders, including resurrection, insufficient to persuade and save?
11. What is the call of this parable? Is there someone you know that needs to hear the good news of the gospel?